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REMARKS

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1. The building of the former SNB headquarters at the intersection of the east side of Benesova tr. and the north side of tr. Narodneho Povstania in Bratislava (P 49/X 99) quartered a PS brigade headquarters prior to early October 1953. The building, a very large structure with a large courtyard, also quartered the Bratislava PS battalion. Officers of the headquarters included Major Cambal (fnu), brigade commander; Captain Hlasny (fnu), political officer, and Senior Lieutenant Karola (fnu). Officers of the Bratislava PS battalion included Senior Lieutenant Zimek (fnu); and Lieutenant Cernek (fnu), political officer. Units subordinate to the battalion included the 12th Co in Petralka (P 49/X 99); the 13th Co in Jarovce (Horvat Jarvalu, P 49/X 98); the 14th Co in Rusovce (Oroszvar, P 49/X 98); and the 15th Co in Cunovo (Dunaszin, P 49/Y 08). The 12th Co, which was commanded by Lieutenant Belik (fnu) numbered 55 men, 10 horses and 4 dogs, had one sedan and one motorcycle, and was quartered in two newly constructed low wooden buildings, about 1 km southwest of Petralka, directly at the wire entanglement on the north-west side of the Kittsee (P 49/X 98) road. The 14th Co, which was about the size and had the equipment of the 12th Co, was quartered in a building beside the Rusovce church. After being deactivated for unreliability, the unit was reactivated in August 1953. The 15th Co, which was quartered in a farm on the southern perimeter of Cunovo and whose sector included extensive swamps, was outnumbered by the other units.

2. The 13th Co

was quartered in a former inn on the Jarovce - Kittsee road, directly on the Czech side of the border. The company was organized into four squads each of 11 men and included two normal rifle squads, one mounted squad and one dog-handler squad. In early October 1953, the enlisted men included members of the 1930 through 1932 classes with those of the 1932 class outnumbering the men of the other classes. Monthly pay in new currency received by the soldiers of the company was 170 Kcs for privates and privates first class, 180 Kcs for sergeants, 200 Kcs for staff sergeants, 220 Kcs for technical sergeants, and 1,160 Kcs for lieutenants. The sector of the company included two wire entanglements. The first entanglement was directly on the border and was not live. The second obstacle was about 1 km from the first and included three parallel wire fences. The middle fence was live with current supplied from an electric power plant on Austrian territory. The current was switched on and off by the commander of the company guard before nightfall and daybreak.

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3. In November 1952, the 19th Co of the Breclav (P 49/S 75) PS battalion was quartered in a villa, about 300 meters west of the chemical plant in Postorna (P 49/S 65). The company [] was commanded by Lieutenant Bucek (fmu) [] [] Other units subordinate to the Breclav battalion were three companies stationed at Valtice (P 49/S 65), Bori Les (P 49/S 65) and Ruske Domy (P 49/S 74). 2

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4. A PS training center commanded by Senior Lieutenant Cechmanek (fmu) and subordinate to the Znojmo (O 49/S 06) PS brigade was stationed at Jaroslavice (O 49/S 25) in October 1952. Units subordinate to the brigade also included three battalions stationed at Breclav, Hrusovany (P 49/S 36) and Mikulov (P 49/S 56). The training center which was quartered in the Jaroslavice castle was organized into four companies. Each company numbered about 180 men equally equipped with rifles, submachine guns and ZB light machine guns. The ordnance of the center included two Soviet-made air-cooled heavy machine guns without shields which were used for training. On the termination of basic and combat training, which lasted from 1 July to 30 September, the enlisted men were divided up and assigned to the battalions of the brigade. At the same time, soldiers were dispatched to the Olomouc (P 50/N 85) PS officer candidate school, the PS NCO school in Susice, Moravia, and the dog handlers' training course in Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69). In 1952, members of the 1931 and 1932 classes belonged to the training center.

5. A riding course for PS troops held in Brno (P 50/N 40) from 3 April to 1 July 1952 involved about 200 trainees quartered in the building at 27 ul. Veveri in Brno, which also housed an SNB unit.

1. [] Comment. [] It is believed that an 11th Co stationed at Patrzalka also is subordinate to the 3d Bn in Bratislava.

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2. [] Comment. The Breclav battalion is the 4th Bn of the Znojmo brigade. The companies stationed at Valtice and Bori Les are reported for the first time.

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3. [] Comment. Previous information indicated that the Znojmo brigade also included a battalion stationed at Jemnice. The battalion stationed at Mikulov is reported for the first time. This sector was possibly also subjected to re-grouping measures as performed in the Cheb - Karlovy Vary sector in the spring of 1953.

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